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In re the application of
Lubock et al.

) Examiner: C. A. Marmor, II

) Group Art Unit: 3736

For: DILATION DEVICES AND METHODS
FOR REMOVING TISSUE SPECIMENS

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For further consideration pursuant to the concurrently filed Request For
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follows: